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### The Government.

The people will recall readily the language of General GARFIELD on the occasion of the assassination of President Lincoln. It was: "God reigns, and the Government of Washington still lives."

These words are as true to-day as they were then. The founders of our Government provided in the Constitution that when a President was elected there should be chosen at the same time a Vice-President, who should serve as President in case of a vacancy.

In November last every man who voted for JAMES A. GARFIELD for President also voted that if from any cause he should cease to be President CHESTER A. ARTHUR should take his place.

To-day, CHESTER A. ARTHUR is President of the United States, and vested with all the powers which yesterday were lodged with JAMES A. GARFIELD. The country is one of law, and to the proper constituted authorities all patriotic men give ready and loyal support.

### Newspaper Extravaganza.

The Tappetters are all at work now. Every ragpicker has shoudered his latch-staffed out the breast of his coat, and is ready for duty. The wires are laden with trash and folly. Yesterday we were told that the Government had seized the telegraph wires, and that orders had been given to extend the picketed lines about the Franklyn cottage in the event of the President's demise. No cannoneading had been heard up to the latest moment. The idiocy inherent in the newspaper business comes to the surface in times of excitement, and just now there is probably more of it to the square inch than there has been since "the intelligent contraband" entered the Union lines in 1861 by subdien candle-light, to the succot of a first violin, and informed the enterprising war-correspondent that "all was quiet on the Potomac."

The Government has not seized the telegraph lines, and could no more do so than it could seize the liquor and cigar stores or stop tailors from measuring people for clothes. The simple truth is that a Government official has given notice that the only wire at Elberon will be fully occupied with official dispatches if the President dies, and the Government having granted the right of way for telegraph lines upon condition of having the preference as a customer, merely gives notice that it will use the privilege thus reserved to the extent of monopolizing the Elberon wire if occasion requires. This would leave ample facilities for the public at the West End Hotel, a mile or so away.

As to the "picket lines," we cannot very easily find terms to which properly characterize the use of such language, to the President's space around the intruder. This space is guarded from increased if the President dies. Should we therefore be subjected to the burlesque of the "picket lines" which are announded that the enemy's approach be heralded so much the sooner? What enemy is there?—Opera-bouffe is this line? What new or where all should which is being enacted? What General Boun is disporting Branch? and can no crowd be invoked to postpone the tragedy? How would it then anticipate, was after all most sudden, and only this hurried mention can now be made.

### PERSONALITIES.

CAPTAIN GEORGE ANDERSON, who died recently in Laurens County, South Carolina, had seven sons in the confederate army.

A PORTRAIT of Columbus, taken from life and perfectly preserved, has been found in the collection of Mr. Madrid. Chris had dark hair and eyes and a bearded nose.

In the cafes of Tunis there is a mighty exhibition of "Chines pictures" for the benefit of the best families as they smoke and sip their coffee. The pictures are of the most outragous description, illuminated on the stereopticon plan, and are the delight of all ages, sexes, and conditions.

CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG said, when asked by a Boston reporter about American girls going abroad to study music: "It is next door to utter madness, especially. I say to all American girls, 'Stay at home; there are enough good teachers here.'"

GENERAL SHERMAN's Monument. The Philadelphia Record of September 10 says: "The Fairmount Park Art Association received nine sketch models from competing artists for the equestrian statue of Major-General George M. Meade. The model from an artist in Rome is now on view." The artist placed in position, is not to exceed \$200, and following premiums will be paid by the association for sketch models: For the best sketch model, \$1,000; for the second best, \$600, and for the third best, \$400. Owing to the efforts of the ladies more than half the money now have been collected.

In recognition of the services of the ladies the committee will be called together at an early date, and as soon as it is practicable a final decision will be arrived at. As yet none of the models have been seen by the members of the committee.

### GENERAL SHERMAN'S LETTER.

#### We Consecrate Law and Order—Remarks Characteristic of the Man.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19, 1881.—3 p. m.  
HOLGER C. GORDON, NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

MY DEAR SIR: You and I have been comrades in civil broils and strife in California, when vigilance committees assumed rule, and we know well one of Piccadilly swells. The business of the Department, however, is simply routine and detail, and the clerks are a family of sturdy goods shop could clean up without strain on their mental resources. Notwithstanding this, the Department has three Assistant Secretaries of State, including Mr. T. C. Tamm, Mr. W. H. Trescott, who acts as a sort of wet-nurse to the diplomatic part of the Department, all drawing fat salaries, emoluments, and, now at this dead hour, when our noble, brave President is lying in his grave, some sets of violence are an honest conviction that they were doing the right thing, and we believe that time, the great physician, will cure all things to the patient.

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No man on earth holds in higher esteem the noble qualities of James A. Garfield, than does Mr. Tamm, for Chattaanooga, of whom he was one most prominent, but was stayed by the unfavorable report from his bedside at noon, and I shall remain here at my post of duty till the last moment of hope. At Chickamauga eighteen years ago, Garfield was chief of staff to General Rosecrans, and, having turned his back on his beloved General, he was sent to the front, and with the valiant charges of his men's forces and was carried along with the broken masses almost into Chattaanooga, when he begged for the privilege of returning to join General George H. Thomas, whose guns told him that General Rosecrans gave him leave and did return, that he might do honor to the heroes of Chattaanooga. That was General Garfield's last fight, in which he fell especially pride; and I know that he intended to be buried at Chattaanooga next Wednesday to celebrate the event. But it is ordered otherwise, for he now lies by the seashore on his death-bed from a wound received in the battle of Chattaanooga.

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